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Statement

"Implementing the post-2015 development agenda: moving from commitments to results"

The continuing growth of national independence, population growth and technological advancement, together with socioeconomic development have transformed the environments that determine human health and welfare.

Climate change, regional ecosystems and sociopolitical upheavals have great impact on human lives. We see three problems for implementing the post-2015 development agenda and achieving Agenda 2030:

1. very rapid population growth in developing countries which needs to be addressed by the leaders of these nations;

2. a powerful fossil fuel industry that is deterring the development of sustainable energy for all and destroying the environment;

3. lack of transparency on every level of government, industry and other institutions that manipulate their members for their own benefit.

Fundamentally, we need more transparency, fewer people and more clean energy to achieve the SDG's of Agenda 2030.

Educating and enabling those that can achieve change, despite the resistance of those around them should be the main focus of Agenda 2030. We have the ability to communicate the needs of the world at large and we can find people to implement the changes that are required. We need to be united in all of our efforts and not allow fundamentalist misconceptions and ideology to interfere with reality.

According to the new United Nations estimates, the world population will reach over 11 billion in less than 50 years (the population was around 1 billion, 100 years ago). The key to curbing population growth is educating women, many of whom seek birth control and educating their brothers, fathers and sons about the privileges conferred on small families. Examples: Europe and China. Assisting the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to implement programs that encourage birth control methods and giving more autonomy and support to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) would also assist in this endeavor.

Transparency in governments, business and institutions would enable socioeconomic developments that would benefit human well-being for all.